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SUBJ: BELIZE: TORRIJOS TELLS PRESS OF HIS TALK WITH PRICE

1. TWO GUATEMALAN DAILIES HAVE PICKED UP WIRE SERVICES STORIES OUT OF PANAMA THAT GENERAL TORRIJOS STOPPED OVER IN BELIZE ON HIS WAY HOME FROM A MEETING WITH LOPEZ PORTILLO IN CANCUN.

2. ACCORDING TO SPANISH WIRE SERVICE ACAN-EFE TORRIJOS TOLD PRESS ON HIS RETURN THAT WHAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN A "TECHNICAL STOPOVER" IN BELIZE BECAME A "WORK SESSION". TORRIJOS SAID HE CONVINCED PRIME MINISTER PRICE THAT "A VISIT BY PRICE AT THIS TIME TO CUBA IS INCONVENIENT". TORRIJOS ADDED THAT HE MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION ALTHOUGH HE

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ADMITTED THAT "PRICE'S ARGUMENTS (THAT HE HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE) ARE CONCEPTUALLY IRREFUTABLE. THE HEMISPHERE HAS BEEN INDIFFERENT AND IGNORANT OF THE SITUATION WHERE IN 25,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS LIVE 200,000 BELIZEANS WHO WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UN DECLARATION THAT SAYS THAT ALL PEOPLES HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN FLAG, NATIONAL ANTHEM, POLITICAL

SYSTEM, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION".

3. STORY SAYS THAT PRICE ADMITTED TO TORRIJOS THAT IF AT THE NEXT OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN GRENADA, BELIZE'S CAUSE RECEIVES SUPPORT, HIS CONTACT WITH THE SOCIALIST BLOC "WILL BE UNNECESSARY". PRICE ADDED THAT HE HOPED THAT THE PRESIDENTS OF VENEZUELA, COSTA RICA, COLOMBIA, AND BOLIVIA WOULD TAKE A POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE CARIBBEAN NATIONS IN SUPPORT OF BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE.

4. COMMENT: TORRIJOS'S STOPOVER IN BELIZE AND THE TEXT OF HIS REMARKS SEEM TO INDICATE HE HAS NO INTENTION OF BACKTRACKING ON HIS SUPPORT OF BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PRESENTLY STRAINED PANAMANIAN-GUATEMALAN RELATIONS.

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